

Amendment to the Specification

¶18 A radio remote control receiver 100 is attached to a bracket 101 attached to the hydraulic oil tank 22 to provide remote control of the engine 76, the right hydraulic pump 78, the left hydraulic pump 80, the clutch 98, and the hydraulic cylinder 68. By means of a radio remote control transmitter 102 as shown in FIG. 8, the engine 76 can thus be remotely started and stopped by a switch 104 and the engine rpm can be controlled by a rheostat 106. The vegetation cutting blade 64 can be remotely activated and deactivated by engaging or disengaging the clutch 98 by operating clutch switch 108. The retractable segment 66 of the deck 58 can be raised and lowered by remote activation of the hydraulic cylinder 68 by operating front deck switch 110. The speed and direction of rotation of the right side ground wheels 52 and 54 can be remotely controlled by remotely controlling right hydraulic pump 78 by operation of right joystick 112, while the speed and direction of rotation of the left side ground wheels can be independently controlled by remotely controlling left hydraulic pump 80 by operating left joystick 114. It will be understood that the mower 10 can thus be caused to move forward, backward, turn or pivot by appropriately manipulating the joysticks 112 and 114. The remote control transmitter 102 is also provided with an emergency stop button 116 whose activation will stop the engine 76, disengage the clutch 98 and activate brakes, not shown, on the four ground wheels and on the vegetation cutting blade 64. The remote control transmitter 102 is turned off and on by operation of switch 118.